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1. Between 5 and 17 February 1954, the Pionier Kaserne (4502) in Fuerstenwalde still quartered about 1,600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery signal or motor transport insignia. On several days during the period of observation, troops with tanks moved out of the installation to practice tank firing and aiming with tank weapons on the large drill grounds.

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2. The barracks installation (450X) on Braunsdorfer Strasse still quartered about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery or motor transport insignia prior to mid-February. Only little training activity was noticed in the barracks area. It was of interest, that daily from 13 to 17 February, several groups of 6 to 12 soldiers carrying suitcases and luggage, but no arms, marched from the Pionier Kaserne to the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse, accompanied by an officer.

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3. On 14 February, the Pionier Kaserne was occupied to capacity by tank and engineer troops. The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

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4. On 17 February, the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse was occupied by about 2,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Intensive training activity was noticed in the barracks yard and adjoining area. Troops practiced carbine firing at targets placed a distance of about 300 meters.

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5. On 17 February, the Mars-la-Tour Kaserne (4504) presumably served as Soviet depot. About 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the undamaged building.

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6. In mid-February, about 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia were quartered in the Pioneer Kaserra. Troops received individual training in the yard, while other troops trained with six tanks in the training area.

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7. In mid-February, the Fliegerhorst Kaserra (4503) quartered about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. A new shed, presumably for guns or vehicles was built along the north side of the eastern gun shed. An emplacement, presumably for an AA gun was excavated just northeast of the shed.

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